

**BURIEN BUSINESS AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (BEDP)
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: April 10, 2009

Time: 7-8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Judy Coovert, David Elliott, Robert Ewing, Kevin Fitz, Michael Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Renee Klein, Mark Minium, Carmen Moore, Nancy Hinthorne, Alice Madsen, Doug Moreland

Excused Absentees: Geri Fain, Jane Voget

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager; Janet Stallman, Department Assistant

Guests: Councilmembers Kathy Keene and Rose Clark, Mayor Joan McGilton; Patty Sader, Executive Director, Discover Burien

Call to Order: Meeting opened at 7:05 a.m. by Michael Goldsmith, Chair

Chair Report – Michael Goldsmith

Michael had everybody give a brief background on themselves and why they are interested in sitting on this Board.

City Manager Report

Mike reported that we will be moving into City Hall on time and on budget; The Town Square Park will be 90% complete by end of April. Tax revenues are down for us; we are dealing with it.

Mike met with the White Center Community Development Association (CDA) – funded by Annie Casey Foundation. He realized this was another group of folks in North Highline that our City should be connecting with. On April 16, we expect the Boundary Review Board (BRB) will approve our proposal. Some issues around zoning (should annexation be successful) have been pointed out to us by current property owners in North Highline. King County has allowed 48 residents/acre in North Highline, and Burien allows only 24 residents/acre. This and other issues will have to be looked at.

We appear to be receiving some money for Public Works projects through the federal stimulus package. We are receiving \$625,000 to continue sidewalk improvements from 153rd to 156th on 4th Avenue SW.

It is likely that two other projects we submitted for will be funded – new sidewalks on 136th Ave. SW from Ambaum to Des Moines Memorial Drive, and a possible \$3.5M in asphalt overlay for the City.

Normandy Park received \$3.5 million for replacement of Sylvester Bridge.

Economic Manager's Report

Dick mentioned that at 9:00 a.m. next Tuesday, he and Mike will go hear a presentation by King County to the Puget Sound Regional Council, to request funds for the TOD parking garage. Ron Posthuma will be the lead presenter from King County. This is our best hope to move forward with the TOD project.

Discover Burien Report

- The next educational seminar will be on social networking. It will be hosted at Cox Financial, 112 SW 157th St. from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Clean sweep will be April 25th.
- We are also sponsoring a “mini-summit” to invite civic groups to come together to talk about different projects, etc. The idea is that it could be a clearinghouse for finding volunteers.
- The Farmers Market will start on May 10th this year. It will be located on 10th Avenue and be there for about eight weeks, and then move to the Town Square at the first part of July.
- We are working with Burien Arts & the City to beautify empty storefronts.
- The June 13th ribbon cutting event is coming along very well.

Discussion of Meeting Time and Frequency – Mike Martin

Mike suggested the group consider whether or not they would like to meet one time per month, rather than two, and whether they would like to continue to meet at 7:00 a.m. The group will be voting on these as two separate items at the next meeting.

Main Street General Discussion – Dick Loman

Dick asked whether we want to have 152nd Street called “Main” Street. No support was noted.

Mayor McGilton mentioned an opportunity to have Burien participate in an event that is being sponsored by some artists in Seattle. An event that is already occurring is interested in having a field trip to Burien to illustrate what a vibrant Arts Community we are, and to have a public conversation about art. She invited participation from the BEDP, and asked whether there was any interest.

Next meeting: April 24, 2009, 7 AM, Interim City Hall